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SUBJECT: Funny River Road Slash Pile Burning

Funny River residents and visitors may notice Refuge firefighters burning slash piles along the south side of Funny River Road between mileposts 7 and 9 this week. The slash piles were created by fire crews during the Shanta Creek Fire this summer, in an effort to improve the existing fuel break along Funny River Road. Refuge firefighters are taking advantage of favorable fall weather conditions to burn the remaining piles when there is little or no chance of fire spread. Travelers along Funny River Road may see piles on fire or experience smoky conditions along the road this week and in subsequent weeks, until all of the slash piles are consumed.

For more information, contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge at 262-7021.

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